

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 2, and 8-12 are amended. No claims are either canceled or added.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner asserted that the drawings fail to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because a single reference sign (i.e., “50”) has been used to designate plural distinct elements. Applicants amend the specification of the above-identified application. Please see Amendments to the Specification on page 2. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now solicited. The Examiner also asserted that the drawings fail to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include one or more reference signs (i.e., “C” disclosed as an “area” in line 17 on page 13) mentioned in the description. Applicants amend FIG. 12B of the above-identified application. Please see Amendments to the Drawings on page 7. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now solicited.

The Examiner objected to the title of the invention. The Examiner asserted that a new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicants amend the title of the above-identified application. Please see Amendments to the Specification on page 2. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now solicited.

The Examiner objected to “informalities” in the specification. Applicants amend the specification of the above-identified application in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestions. Please see Amendments to the Specification on page 2 and the Listing of Claims on page 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now solicited.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention. The Examiner asserted that in lines 2-3 of claim 1, lines 2-3 of claim 8, lines 2-3 of claim 9, lines 2-3 of claim 11, and lines 1-2 of claim 12, each instance of “a head that records information from and/or reproduces information onto a disc” is indefinite as it is “misdescriptive of the disclosure, which teaches/shows that the head records information onto and/or reproduces information from the disc (emphasis added).” Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner’s rejection. The Examiner has misread the teaching of the disclosure. The disclosure does not teach/show that the head records information onto and/or reproduces information from the disk [see, lines 18-19, page 3; lines 8-9, 14-15, page 4; lines 4-5, 17-18, page 5.] Accordingly, withdrawal of the §112 rejection is now solicited for claims 1-12.

The Examiner also rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserted that “said wireless suspension” lacks clear and/or proper antecedent basis. Applicants amend claim 10. Please see Listing of Claims on page 3. Support for this amendment is found in the paragraph beginning on line 14 of page 4 of the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now solicited.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Myokan* (JP 10-134529) and the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Oberg* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,819,094). Applicants amend claims 1, 8, 9, 11 and 12. It is believed that the Listing of Claims on page 3 distinguishes over the cited art for at least the following reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is now solicited.

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The Examiner stated that *Myokan* discloses a head (26), a suspension (27), a FPC (60/66) and a damper (67). However, *Myokan*'s FPC is connected to a base plate (30) from an actuator (23) (*see* paragraph 0045 and 0046 of the *Myokan*'s specification). Moreover, since *Myokan* does not disclose "a flexible printed circuit board, which is connected to said head from said suspension, attached to the side surface of said suspension through an air gap" (i.e., claims 1, 8 and 12), *Myokan* does not solve the problem addressed in the above-identified application (*see* page 2, line 18 to page 3, line 9.) Accordingly, claims 1-3, 8 and 12 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Myokan* and the Examiner rejected claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Budde et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,728,073). Applicants amend claims 1, 9, and 11. It is believed that the Listing of Claims on page 3 distinguishes over the cited art for at least the reasons stated above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is now solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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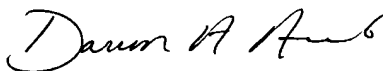
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 12B.